GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT OF PADDY BY FCI
BISHNU PADA RAY

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Food Corporation of India did not procure any common variety of paddy from thelocal farmers of the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands under Minimum Support Price till date;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the time by when the procurement is likely to be commenced; and

(d) the alternative arrangement being worked out by the Government for the above said procurement if FCI fails to do so?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SH KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): The FCI has not procured any common variety of paddy in Andaman andNicobar Islands till date. Paddy cultivation is limited to six scattered islands only, located far away from Port Blair. The varieties produced are below the prescribed FAQ specifications. Hence, no procurement is expected in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.